Withholding of wages of workers by British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur

367. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that associate companies of the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur have withheld wages of workers, etc. for months together due to lapses on the part of the BICL management;

(b) whether a few/Senior Officers have also tendered their resignations due to misbehaviour and wrong doings of the CMD of BICL; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

Per Capita requirement of Cloth

368. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita requirement and availability of the cloth in the country at present; and

(b) what measures have been adopted by Government in order to meet the requirement of cloth in the country by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The per capita requirement (consumption) of cloth for the year 1987-88 (the latest year for which figures are available) was 16.35 linear metres, while the per capita availability of cloth during 1990-91 was 18.22 linear metres.

(b) The production of cloth and yarn has been steadily increasing over the years. Government policy of liberalisation and modernisation of the different sectors of textile industry is expected to give further impetus to the production of cloth to meet the requirements of cloth in the country by 2000 A.D.

Banning of cloth produced by handloom sector for production by mill sector

369. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cloth produced in Handloom Sector will be completely banned for production in Mill sector; and

(b) If so, the reasons therefor and if not, the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. After the enactment of Handloom Reservation Act, 1985 a notification was issued reserving 22 items exclusively for Handloom Production. Each of the above 22 items, has specifications given there itself. But due to ex-parte stay granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.11.87 the Handloom Reservation Act, 1985 and the Orders issued thereunder are inoperative and as soon as the stay is vacated, the orders will come automatically into force.

370. [*Transferred to the 5th September*, 1991]

रेशम का उत्पादन बढ़ाने हेतु कदम

371. श्री अजीत जोगी :

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेशम का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए आधारभूत ढांचे को मजबूत बनाने